

HOW TO REGISTER: Use a Florida Voter Registration Application Form completing all the required blocks per instructions. The forms are available at government offices, public assistance offices, libraries, Department of Motor Vehicles or a printable version can be obtained through our web-site at:

www.santarosa.fl.gov/elections

REGISTER BY MAIL: The registration form can be mailed to or dropped off at the Supervisor of Elections Office. If you are registering for the first time in Florida and are mailing your registration form, you must submit a copy of a valid and current I.D. Unless one of the following exemptions applies:

1. You are 65 years or older.
2. Have a permanent or temporary disability.
3. Active duty military or Merchant Marine and absent from the county on Election Day or a spouse, or a dependent of a member of the armed services from the county on Election Day.
4. A person currently residing outside the United States but, eligible to vote in Florida.

CHANGES IN YOUR REGISTRATION:

It is the responsibility of the voter to keep his or her address current with the Supervisor of Elections office. Be sure to notify the Supervisor of Elections office if you have a name change, an address change or if you would like to change your party affiliation. If you move to another state, you must re-register there.

CLOSED PRIMARY, WHAT? Florida is a closed primary state. In the Primary Election you will vote only for the candidates whose party affiliation is the same as yours and for non-partisan races, unless a partisan race will be decided in a Universal Primary Contest, in which case everyone will vote in that race.

POLLING PLACES open at 7 a.m. and remain open until all voters, who are in line to vote at 7:00 p.m., have voted.

PHOTO and SIGNATURE I. D. are required to be presented before voting. **If you do not present picture and signature identification, you will be required to vote a provisional ballot.**

APPROVED IDENTIFICATIONS:

Florida Driver's License
Florida I.D. issued from the DMV
U. S. Passport
Military I. D.
Student I.D.
Retirement Center I. D.
Public Assistance I.D.
Neighborhood Association I.D..
Debit or Credit Card

WHERE TO VOTE: Your precinct number and polling location are listed on your voter identification card. You will not be permitted to vote in a precinct in which you do not live. If you have questions regarding your polling location please call the Supervisor of Elections Office.

HOW TO REQUEST AN ABSENTEE

BALLOT: Any registered and qualified voter may vote by absentee ballot. An absentee ballot may be requested for a specific election or for all elections in the current calendar year. The request can be made in person, by mail, by phone, or by e-mail. ONLY a voter or a designated member of his or her immediate family or legal guardian can request an absentee ballot for the voter. Immediate family means the voter's parent, child, grandparent, or sibling of the voter or of the voter's spouse.

A request for an absentee ballot must include the name of the voter, the voter's address, the voter's date of birth and the voter's signature (if written request). If the voter has designated an immediate family member to request the ballot for him or her, the designee must also provide his/her own name, address, relationship to the voter, and signature (written requests only).

Absentee ballots must be received in the Supervisor of Elections office no later than 7:00 P. M. on Election Day.

Absentee request are effective for all elections through the next two general elections after the request is made, rather than just for the elections in the calendar year in which the request was made.

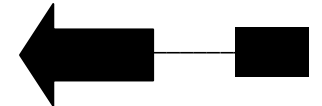
You must remember to update any address changes with the Elections Office. Absentee ballots can not be forwarded and if they are returned as undeliverable, all subsequent requests will be cancelled.

HOW TO VOTE: Each precinct will consist of one (1) Opti-Scan Eagle (tabulator) and one (1) Touchscreen. All early voting sites will consist of Optical Scan Voting with one (1) Touchscreen.

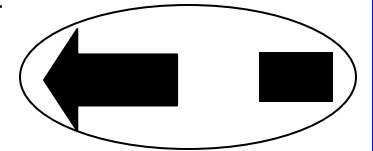
OPTICAL-SCAN (Eagle Tabulator) –

After the ballot is marked, the voter will feed his/her paper ballot into the Eagle Tabulator, which will read and tabulate the ballot. Below, is an example of how to properly mark the ballot.

RIGHT:



WRONG:



ADA TOUCHSCREEN VOTING- Easy as One, Two, Three

1. Make your selection by touching your choice on the screen until it becomes highlighted or listen to the audio instructions provided. Touch "Next Page" to scroll through the ballot selections.
2. Review your selections by touching the "Review Ballot" selection.
3. Push the flashing red "VOTE" button located at the top of the screen to

FIRST TIME VOTERS WHO REGISTER

BY MAIL: If you register by mail and you are a first-time voter in the county, you are required to provide additional identification. To assure that you will not have problems when you go to vote, you should provide a copy of the required identifications at the time you mail your voter registration form. If you are voting an absentee ballot, you must provide the proper I.D. prior to 7 p.m. on Election Day. You may provide a copy of a photo identification as outlined in Approved IDs or you may provide a copy of a current and valid utility bill, bank statement, government paycheck, or other government document containing your name and current residence address. Do not send original ID documents.

REGISTRATION IS A PUBLIC

RECORD: In Florida, voter registration records are open to the public, only the Social Security number, Florida Driver's License or Personal ID (issued by the state) number, along with the signature are not public record. Someone can look at your signature, but they can not copy it. Anyone is entitled to a list of registered voters, and their voter history.

INACTIVE VOTERS: Voters on the inactive list can be reinstated by updating their voter registration, appearing to vote, or requesting an absentee ballot, providing their status has not changed. However, after two general federal elections, voters show no activity will be removed from the registration records and must register again in order to vote.

VOTER RESPONSIBILITIES: Each registered voter in this state should:

1. Familiarize himself/herself with the candidates and issues.
2. Maintain a current address with the Supervisor of Elections.
3. Know the location of his/her polling place and its hours of operation.
4. Bring proper identification to the polling place.
5. Familiarize him/herself with the operation of the voting equipment in his/her own precinct.
6. Treat precinct workers with courtesy.
7. Respect the privacy of other voters.
8. Report any problems/violations of election law to the Supervisor of Elections.
9. Ask questions, if needed.
10. Make sure that his/her completed ballot is correct before leaving the polling station.

NOTE: Failure to perform any of these responsibilities does not prohibit a voter from voting.

VOTER'S BILL OF RIGHTS: Each registered voter in this state has the right to:

1. Vote and have his/her vote accurately counted.
2. Cast a vote if he/she is in line at the official closing of the polls in that county.
3. Ask for and receive assistance in voting.
4. Receive up to 2 replacement ballots if he/she makes a mistake before being cast.
5. An explanation if his or her registration/identity is in question.
6. If his/her registration/identity is in question, cast a provisional ballot.
7. Written instructions to use when voting, and upon request, oral instructions on voting from the election officers.
8. Vote free from coercion or intimidation by the election officers or any other person.
9. Vote on a voting system that is in working condition and that will allow votes to be accurately cast.

2008 Election Dates

Presidential Preference	1/29/08
Primary	8/26/08
General	11/4/08

Voter Registration Deadlines:

Presidential Preference	12/31/07
Primary	7/28/08
General	10/6/08

NOTE: Registration books close 29 days prior to each election. If you submit a properly completed application form during this period, you will be registered to vote in future elections.

MUNICIPALITY VOTING:

Gulf Breeze – General Election, Nov. 4th
Jay-Primary Election, Aug. 26th
Milton-Primary Election, Aug. 26th

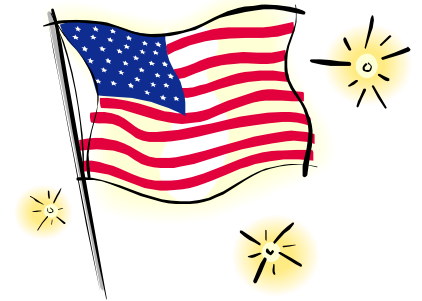
EARLY VOTING: Early Voting will be available for all elections. Dates, locations, and times will be announced and published once determined. If you should have any Early Voting questions, please contact the Santa Rosa County Elections Office.

THREE WAYS TO VOTE: Early Voting, Absentee Voting and Voting in your Precinct.

WHO CAN REGISTER and VOTE: A United States citizen, 18 yrs. of age, a legal resident of Florida; person who has not been convicted of any felony and who have not had their rights to vote restored; persons who have been found by a court in any state to be mentally incapacitated with respect to voting and have not had their rights restored.

Santa Rosa County

Voter's Guide



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